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SUBJECT: AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES: PRESS RELEASE

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1. MISSION MAY CONCUR IN GENERAL IN THE PROPOSED PRESS
RELEASE AS GIVEN IN REFTEL.

2. MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO JOIN THE CONSENSUS ON IMPROVED
LANGUAGE CONCERNING WHICH NATIONS ARE PARTICIPATING. THE
FOLLOWING SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND REGARDING THE SENTENCE
"ALL NATO NATIONS WITH MILITARY FORCES COMMITTED TO THE

DEFENCE OF THE WESTERN WORLD ARE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THIS PROGRAMME":

A) GIVEN THAT NATO IS USED AS A QUALIFIER, AND THAT
FRANCE WILL COOPERATE IN SOME EXERCISES IN THE SERIES,
THE SENTENCE IS FACTUALLY CORRECT. DEPENDING ON WHETHER
FRANCE WISHES TO BE TACITLY MENTIONED, REFERENCE
COULD BE MADE TO "MILITARY FORCES COMMITTED TO THE
INTEGRATED DEFENSE STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE" OR TO
"MILITARY FORCES COMMITTED TO NATO". SHOULD FRANCE WISH

TO BE "INCLUDED", YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THAT THIS READ
SOMETHING LIKE: "ALL NATO NATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO
PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM" AND WE SHALL IF NECESSARY
EXPLAIN ICELAND'S PASSIVE INVOLVEMENT AND UNIQUE DEFENSE
ARRANGEMENTS SEPARATELY IF ASKED.

B) WE CANNOT ASSUME THAT THE EUROPEAN NEUTRALS WILL
OBJECT TO "DEFENSE OF THE WESTERN WORLD", BUT MIGHT
DO BETTER TO REFER SIMPLY TO DEFENSE OF THE NATO AREA OR
NATO NATIONS.

3. MISSION SHOULD CLARIFY THE STATUS OF REFORGER 77.
THE RELEASE STATES THAT "SOME OF THE MAJOR EXERCISES
INVOLVED IN AUTUMN FORGE ARE...REFORGER 77, A JOINT
LAND/AIR EXERCISE IN WHICH U.S. TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT
EARMARKED FOR EUROPE ARE FLOWN TO GERMANY TO TRAIN WITH
OTHER NATO FORCES".

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IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT REFORGER 77 IS A MILITARY
MOVEMENT, NOT A MANEUVER. IF IT WILL IN FACT INVOLVE
ITS OWN GROUND MANEUVERS BY COMBAT FORCES ("TROOPS" FOR
CSCE PURPOSES) THEN POLADS SHOULD ADD IT TO THEIR
SCHEDULE OF MANEUVERS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NOTIFICATION
AND INVITATION OF OBSERVERS DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF
TROOPS PARTICIPATING.

IF IT IS DETERMINED AMONG THE ALLIES THAT THE TRAIN-
ING WITH OTHER NATO FORCES COMES UNDER SEPARATE DESIGNATED
MANEUVERS, THE REFERENCE IN THE PRESS RELEASE SHOULD BE
CHANGED ACCORDINGLY TO MILITARY MOVEMENT AND WE SHALL
PLAN ON ONLY PASSING REFERENCE IN APPROPRIATE CBM
NOTIFICATIONS OF ACTUAL MANEUVERS INVOLVING REFORGER-
TRANSPORTED TROOPS. IN EITHER CASE, "LAND/AIR" SHOULD
BE MODIFIED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT SOME
REFORGER TROOPS WILL BE MOVED BY SEALIFT.

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